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Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Elkhart, Indiana's Geocel Corporation with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN November 21, 2006 – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce that Geocel Corporation of Elkhart, Indiana has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Merit" status.

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where Management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment. Geocel Corporation is the 37th VPP site in Indiana and one of five Merit sites.

The awarding ceremony, at the Geocel Corporation site in Elkhart, Indiana, gives the chance for company employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media and local elected officials. Commissioner Torres herself explains her goal in implementing this program: "As the Commissioner of Labor, I am committed to the growth and expansion of this program throughout the state. The designation of Geocel Corporation as a Merit Status site is indicative of the commitment that Geocel Corporation has throughout its entire company. We are particularly impressed with the trend in injury/illness reduction in recent years due to their improved ergonomics and changes in material handling."

Geocel Corporation is a privately owned company with a sister plant in Elkhart under the name of American Chemical Technologies and a facility in the United Kingdom called Geocel Limited. At its location in Elkhart, Geocel Corporation manufactures sealants and coatings that seal, bond, or insulate structures. Their products are specially designed for their durability in construction and repair projects. The Geocel Corporation facility employs 73 employees working in two shifts, five days a week.

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